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Title Analysis Reflection

Overall, I am very happy with the way this essay turned out. When I first received the prompt, I was more than a little worried about having to write three or more pages about a single short phrase, like a title. I wasn't entirely sure I understood poetry well enough to find that much meaning in a simple title. With a rather negative opinion of the assignment at that point, I set about reading the poems we had to pick from in order to find one that I could make something out of. After reading several of them, I was still not getting anywhere. However, I

There was one poem out of the bunch that I liked: "Fire and Ice," by Robert Frost. I didn't think I could use it right away, since it was so short, but after I thought about it I realized that Frost had put more meaning, to me at least, into a few short lines than most of the others had in many more. I decided to take on the challenge of this poem despite my reservations about the length and, I'm happy to say, it worked out rather well. I thoroughly enjoyed writing about the poem.

I have been trying to improve my lower order concerns all year, especially concerning the passive/active voice and commas. On this assignment, I did not have any skill sheets or specific lower order concerns to fix, so I am very happy with my progress towards this goal. I also think that on this assignment I did a better job of analyzing the subject than in my previous efforts. The poem was genuinely interesting to me, which helped immensely, and the connotations and denotations involved helped me to really understand and examine the title and the work itself.